

1. (Twice amended) A fast-food service window comprising:
 - a window assembly with at least one movable window member;
 - a window operator assembly mechanically coupled to the movable window member;
 - an upwardly focused proximity sensor sensors focused upward at an angle that deviates from a vertical direction by not more than about 10° and functionally coupled to the window operator assembly and directed to detect an extended arm of a person over said proximity sensor;
 - wherein the movable window member opens whenever [an] said extended arm of said person is sensed by said proximity sensor.

2. (Twice amended) A fast-food service window comprising:
 - a window assembly with at least one movable window member;
 - a window operator assembly mechanically coupled to the movable window member;
 - a plurality of upwardly focused proximity sensors focused upward at an angle that deviates from a vertical direction by not more than about 10° and functionally coupled to the window assembly and directed to detect an extended arm of a person over at least one of said proximity sensors ;
 - wherein the movable window member opens whenever [an] said extended arm of said person is sensed by said proximity sensors.

3. (Twice amended) A fast-food service window comprising:
 - a window assembly with at least one movable window member;
 - a window operator assembly mechanically coupled to the movable window member;
 - a upwardly focused infrared proximity sensor sensors focused upward at an angle that deviates from a vertical direction by not more than about 10° and electrically coupled to the window operator assembly and directed to detect an extended arm of a person over said proximity sensor;

wherein the movable window member opens whenever [an] said extended arm of said person is sensed by said infrared proximity sensor.

✓ Cancel claim 11.

12. [Amended] The fast-food service window set forth in claim 1 wherein the proximity sensor is directed such that the torso of a person approaching the window is not detected by the proximity sensor before said extended arm is detected.

In claim 15, line 3, change "inhibit" to --to prevent--.

16. [Amended] The fast food service window set forth in claim 1 wherein said window has a bottom frame member and said proximity sensor is mounted adjacent said bottom frame member and is directed upward at an angle sufficient to [avoid] permit detection of an extended arm of a person approaching the window before detection of the torso of [a] said person approaching said window.

REMARKS

Figures

The examiner's objection to the Figure 2 is not understood. The reference numeral "29" refers to the upwardly pointed proximity sensors, not to a fastener as suggested in the Office Action. A fastener 31 is labeled in Figure 1, but a corresponding fastener is not labeled in Figure 2. Applicants are, of course, willing to add such a numeral and lead line in Fig. 2, if that is the examiner's desire. It is believed that the lead line of the uppermost reference character "29" accurately indicates one of the proximity sensors, as it should. For this reason, applicants are unsure of the basis of the examiner's objection. Applicants respectfully request clarification of this objection. Applicants will prepare formal